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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 21-23

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON UPCOMING NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING (MAY 21-23) TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS AS DISCUSSED DURING INFORMAL MEETING OF RANDERS AND ALLIED DELEGATION OFFICERS MAY 10. MISSION PROVIDES GENERAL COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR USE BY WASHINGTON REPS IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AS PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING (MAY 21-23), RANDERS CALLED INFORMAL MEETING WITH OFFICERS FROM ALLIED DELEGATIONS MAY 10. HE NOTED THAT AGENDA (AC/137-A/46) INDICATED SPECIAL ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED IN COORDINATION WITH BELGIANS WHO ARE HOSTS FOR MEETING. BELGIAN MINISTER FOR SCIENCE POLICY AND PROGRAM WILL PRESENT AN EXPOSE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF SCIENCE POLICY IN BELGIUM ON AFTERNOON OF FIRST DAY (MAY 21). IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS TALK, SCIENCE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF "NEW UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH". ORIGINALLY, IT WAS HOPED THAT PROFESSOR L. ROTHERHAM,

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VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BATH (UK) WOULD GIVE AN INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, ROTHERHAM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPEAR AND RANDERS HAS ASKED SIR ALAN COTTRELL, UK DELEGATION TO THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE, TO LEAD OFF

DISCUSSION. ALL ALLIED REPS ARE INVITED TO SPEAK DURING THE ROUND- TABLE.

2. AS TO REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS THEMSELVES, RANDERS STATED THAT UNDER AGENDA ITEM I (OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN) HE WILL GIVE A REPORT ON CCMS ACTIVITIES AND ALSO INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF HIS PROPOSAL FOR A DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING SEMINAR FOLLOWING COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER ON MAY 3 (SEE USNATO 2128). IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, RANDERS SAID THAT SCIENCE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE ASKED TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME BUT HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT SCIENCE COMMITTEE REPS MAY HAVE AS TO NAMES OF APPROPRIATE NATIONAL EXPERTS WHO COULD HELP PREPARE DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING SEMINAR.

3. UNDER ITEM II (FINANCIAL QUESTIONS), RANDERS WILL INFORM THE COMMITTEE THAT THE 1973 NATO BUDGET HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED AND FOLLOWS CLOSELY SCIENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. AS TO THE 1974 BUDGET, HE SAID THAT PROPOSED BUDGET PAPER (AC/137- D/503) CALLED FOR ROUGHLY A TEN PERCENT INCREASE IN SCIENCE COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES OVER 1973. AS FINAL POINT UNDER FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, (AS FORESEEN BY USNATO 2137) RANDERS INFORMED US THAT NEW BOOK ON NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IS NOW READY IN FINAL DRAFT AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF 600,000 BF FROM PROGRAM PLANNING MONEY TO FINANCE PUBLICATION.

4. RANDERS STATED THAT UNDER ITEM III (REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES) ALL PANELS WILL PRESENT REPORTS FOR SCIENCE COMMITTEE TO NOTE. HE INDICATED THAT AT FALL MEETING, COMMITTEE WOULD BE ASKED TO REVIEW WORK OF ALL SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS.

MISSION COMMENT: MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT U. S. DELEGATION BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT REPORTS UNDER AGENDA ITEM II (FINANCIAL QUESTIONS) AND TO NOTE ALL REPORTS UNDER ITEM III (REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES). US DELEGATION LEADER SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ROUND- TABLE DISCUSSION AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. (FYI) PROFESSOR OZDAS, WHO WILL SUCCEED RANDERS AS ASG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FOR NATO SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT THIS FALL, WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING AS TURKISH SCIENCE COMMITTEE REP. MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF OZDAS COULD HAVE BENEFIT OF U. S. VIEWS ON NATO SCIENCE AND CCMS BEFORE OCTOBER MEETINGS OF BOTH COMMITTEES. RECOMMEND THAT U. S. CONSIDER EXTENDING INVITATION TO OZDAS TO VISIT WASHINGTON SOME TIME BEFORE OCTOBER OR, ALTERNATIVELY, EXPLORE OTHER MEANS OF BRIEFING HIM ON U. S. POLICY VIEWS RELATING TO NATO SCIENCE AND CCMS. WASHINGTON REPS COMING TO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH OZDAS. (END FYI).

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND TRAVEL PLANS OF U. S.

REPS TO UPCOMING SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING. PER JENKINS- KRUSE
FONECON, MISSION HAS REQUESTED TWO SINGLES AT METROPOLE
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